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SUBJECT: ENERGY: NORTHERN TIER STATES CONFERENCE ON OIL
PIPELINE

1. VANCOUVER SUN OF APRIL 25 GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO APRIL 24 MEETING OF U.S. NORTHERN TIER STATE GOVERNORS IN OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON, AND CARRIED FRONT-PAGE HEADLINE "CANADA ENERGY 'VILLAIN' TO U.S." ACCOMPANYING STORY BY SUN STAFF REPORTER STATED THE GOVERNORS WERE OUTSPOKEN "IN PRIVATE" ABOUT CANADA'S TREATMENT OF U.S. IN ENERGY SUPPLY MATTERS. ARTICLE QUOTED GOVERNOR DIXIE LEE RAY AS SAYING THAT RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH CANADA "HAD BEEN LESS THAN SATISFACTORY", AND PRINTED (WITH DENIAL) MONTANA GOVERNOR JUDGE'S ALLEGED COMMENT THAT HIS STATE HAD BEEN "SHAFTED BY THE CANADIANS". STORY NOTED THAT ONLY MINNESOTA DISSENTED FROM NON-BINDING RESOLUTION ENDORSING AN ALL-U.S. ROUTE FOR ALASKAN OIL OVER THE KITIMAT PROPOSAL. ONE CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT REPORTEDLY TOLD SUN STAFFER THAT GOVERNOR RAY PUSHED AT THE CONFERENCE FOR CHERRY POINT AS HER CHOICE FOR AN OIL PORT. RAY, HOWEVER, IN A SUBSEQUENT INTERVIEW SAID SHE HAD NOT YET MADE UP HER
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MIND, CITING SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES IN THE PUGET SOUND AREA.

2. GOVERNOR RAY WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE FEEL RATHER STRONGLY WE SHOULDN'T BE DEPENDENT ON SOME OTHER COUNTRY FOR OUR ENERGY SUPPLIES" AND, WITH REFERENCE TO THE REVERSAL OF THE TRANS MOUNTAIN PIPELINE PROPOSAL, SHE INDICATED "TO FEEL COMFORTABLE WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE ASSURANCES THAT RATES

WOULD NOT CHANGE AND THAT THE FLOW WOULD NOT BE STOPPED DURING THE LIFE OF THE CONTRACT." NEWS ARTICLE THEN QUOTES EXCERPTS OF A RECENT LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR TO PRESIDENT CARTER IN WHICH SHE "USED MUCH TOUGHER LANGUAGE TO DESCRIBE HER VIEWS" ON CANADA.

3. SUN ARTICLE NOTES THAT GOVERNOR RAY SAID SHE INTENDS TO MEET B.C. PREMIER BENNETT FOR THE FIRST TIME AROUND MAY 19 WHEN SHE WILL BE IN B.C. ON A CRUISE SHIP.

4. NEWS CLIPPING BEING MAILED TO EMBASSY AND EUR/CAN.
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